

JC High Eagle to Perform January 19 Concert at SWOSU

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Guitarist and singer JC High Eagle will give a free concert on Wednesday, January 19, on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College and the Honoring Our People's Existence Native American Student Organization are hosting the performance at 7 p.m. in the SWOSU Conference Center, located at the corner of Seventh and Davis Streets. A reception honoring High Eagle will be held at 6:30 p.m.

CA Tribal College President Dr. Henrietta Mann extends a personal invitation to area residents to attend the performance.

High Eagle, an Oklahoma native, is a professional solo guitarist and singer and equally proficient on the American Indian flute, Indian drum and keyboard synthesizer. His music has been described by others as "simple elegance."

Historically, music has been known as a form of communication for Native American Indians – the beat of the drum, perhaps the most familiar. Traditionally, it was the same with the flute. The native flute has a haunting, soulful sound that penetrates and permeates the world around it, letting its presence be known.

A committed musician, High Eagle's music has helped to bring back the Native American flute from virtual extinction. The soulful sound of his flute music is a blending of traditional and contemporary melodies that permeate the soul and promote relaxation.

High Eagle has found his music taking him around the country and the world. He has performed numerous times with the Milwaukee Symphony and has had 19 performances as a soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra at the prestigious John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. High Eagle's resume also includes many performances on Broadway and television soundtrack music.

In 1970, High Eagle received the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, from President Richard Nixon.

Information regarding the concert may be obtained from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College at 580.774.3742.